

# Hit the Road

A COMIC FOR & ABOUT HITCHHIKING

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NO. 1



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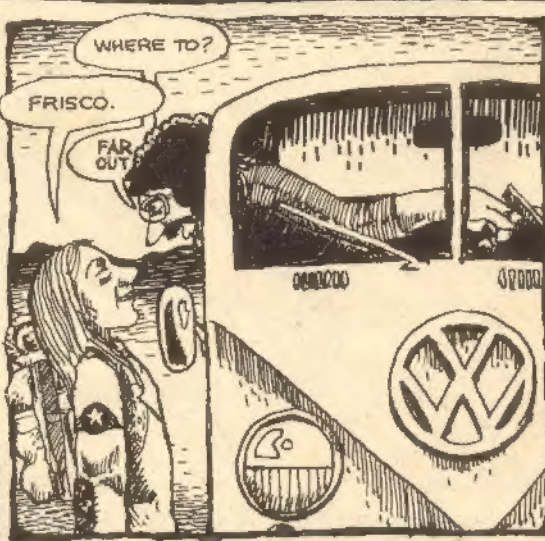
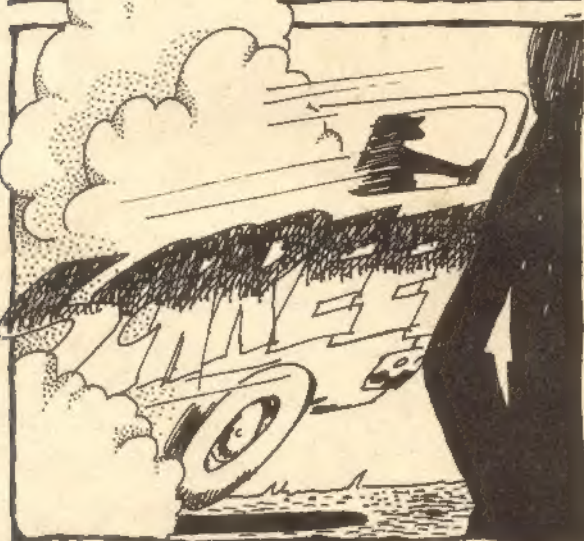
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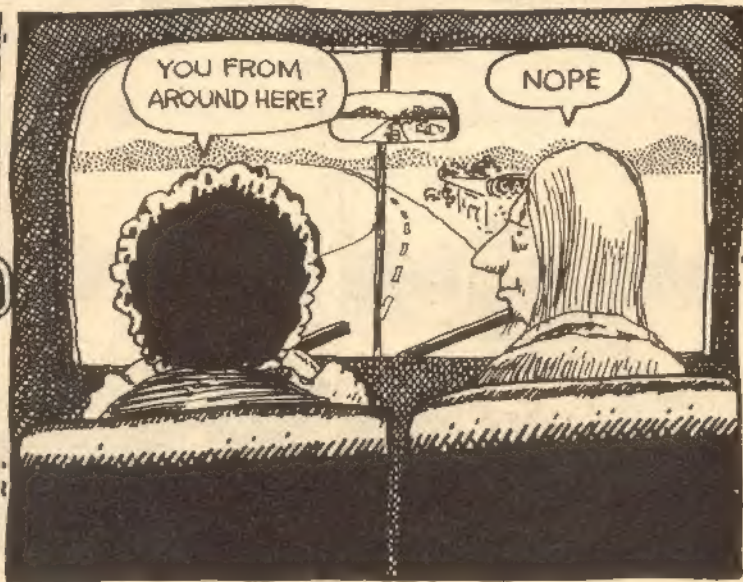
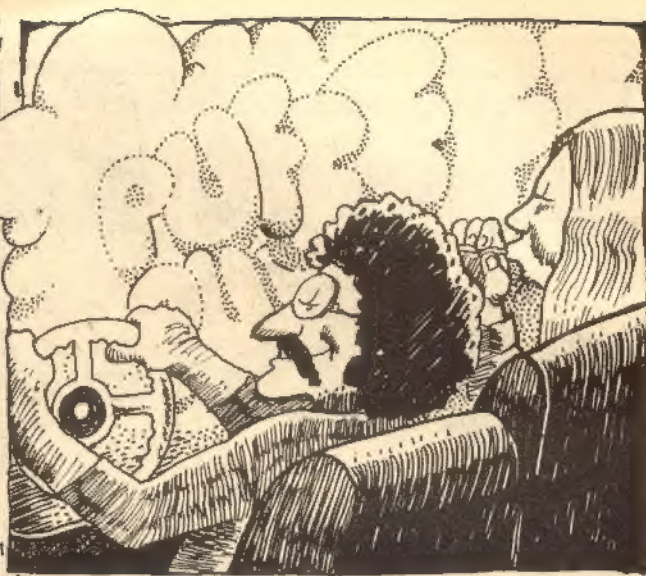


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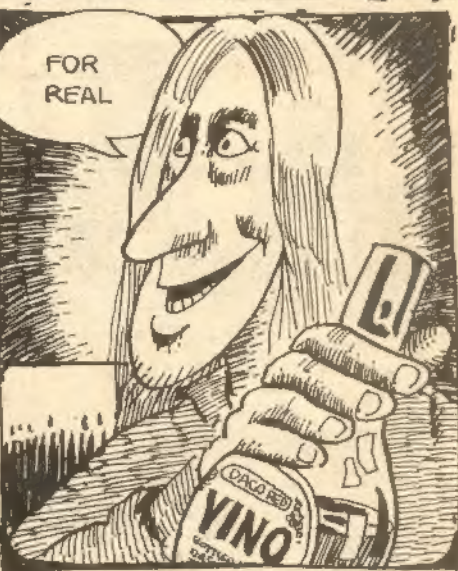
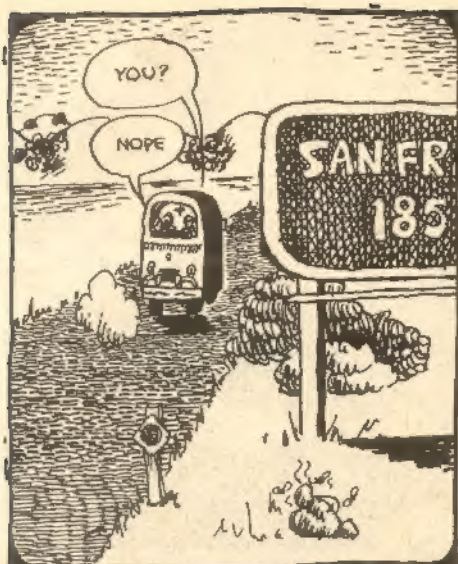
# GOOD TRAVELIN'! VIBES



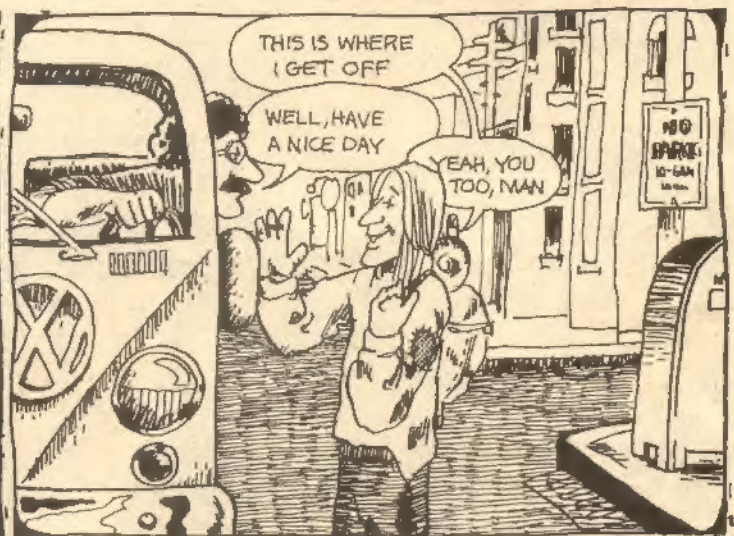








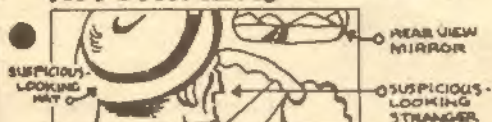






# RULES OF THUMB

## HITCHIKERS HANDBOOK



WHEN DRIVING WITH A SUSPICIOUS-LOOKING STRANGER, ALWAYS CHECK THE REAR VIEW MIRROR TO BE SURE YOU'VE BEEN GOING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.



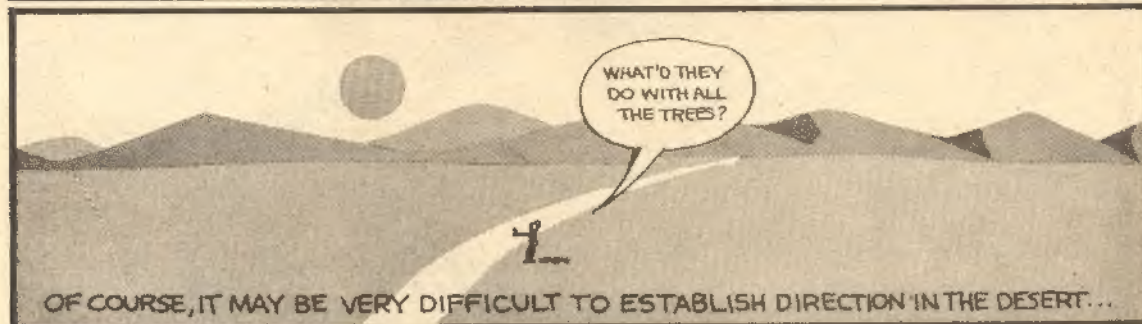
HI! I'M AMOS "THUMB" RYDE. AT ONE TIME I WAS "KING OF THE ROAD." NOW I LIVE IN RETIREMENT WITH MY CATS & MY MEMORIES.

THERE ARE MANY SUBTLETIES INVOLVED IN HITCHIKING; I WILL TRY TO PASS ON SOME OF THE KNOWLEDGE THAT I'VE GAINED FROM 46 YEARS OF ACTIVELY "THUMBING IT" ALL OVER THE WORLD. SO PAY ATTENTION & YOU'LL LEARN HOW TO BE A BETTER HITCHIKER.

THE FIRST THING THAT A HITCHIKER MUST KNOW IS WHERE HE/AND/OR/SHE IS GOING. SO NEVER TRAVEL ANYWHERE WITHOUT A COMPASS.



OF COURSE A COMPASS IS USEFUL ONLY IF YOU CAN ESTABLISH YOUR BEARINGS. THIS CAN BE DONE BY FINDING A TREE WITH MOSS ON IT. THE MOSS SHOULD BE GROWING ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE TREE ...



OF COURSE, IT MAY BE VERY DIFFICULT TO ESTABLISH DIRECTION IN THE DESERT. ...





ONCE YOU KNOW WHERE YOU'RE GOING & HOW TO GET THERE, THE NEXT THING TO DO IS TO STORE "PROVISIONS" IN YOUR PACK.

HMMM LET'S SEE NOW. BEANS, A COUPLE OF SIX PACKS, BACON, EGGS, DOPE, EXTRA SHOT OF TENNIS RACON



HOWEVER, IT IS BEST NOT TO OVERLOAD YOUR PACK...



WHEN YOU HAVE YOUR PACK TOGETHER, THE NEXT THING YOU NEED IS A SIGN TO PRINT YOUR DESTINATION ON. THE LETTERS SHOULD BE LARGE, NEAT, AND DARK ENOUGH TO BE SEEN EASILY FROM THE ROAD

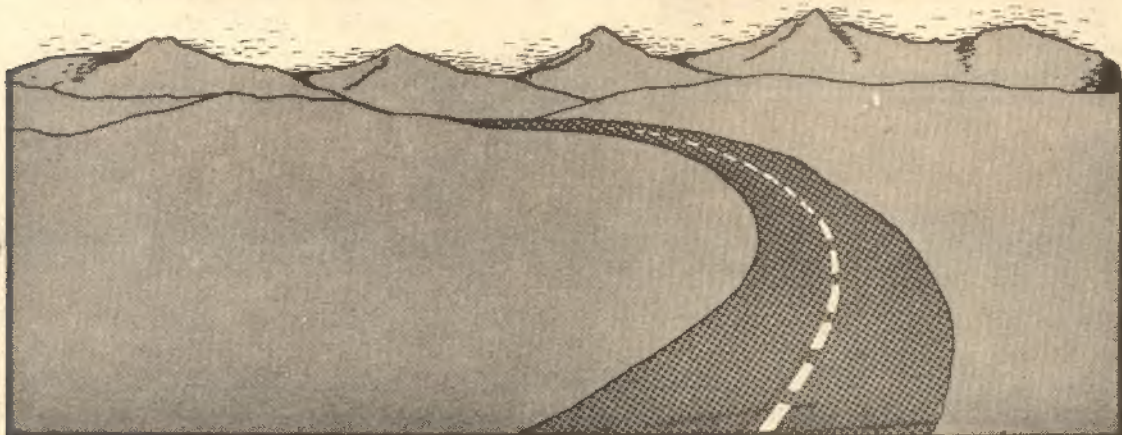


NOW YOU SHOULD BE READY TO GET OUT ON THE HIGHWAY...

NEXT, YOU WILL NEED MAPS...



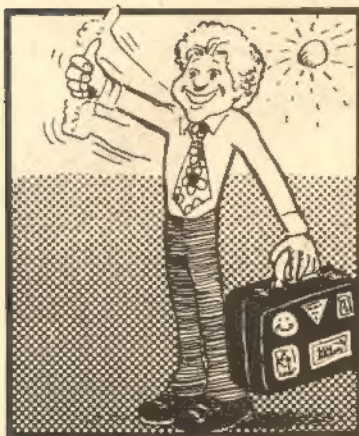
YOU CAN GET THEM FREE AT ANY GAS STATION...MANY STATIONS PROVIDE A CONVENIENT READING ROOM IN WHICH TO STUDY THEM.





THERE IS AN ART TO GETTING A RIDE AND A LOT DEPENDS ON **HOW** YOU STICK OUT YOUR THUMB... SOME OF THE BASIC TECHNIQUES USED IN "THUMBING" ARE:

## ENTHUSIASM



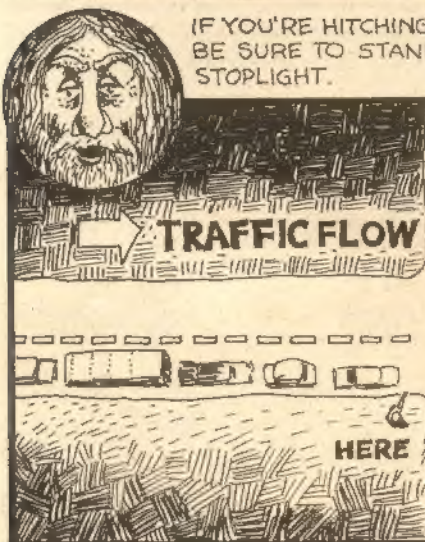
## COOLNESS



## RESOURCEFULNESS



IF YOU'RE HITCHING AT A BUSY INTERSECTION, BE SURE TO STAND IN **FRONT** OF THE STOPLIGHT.



WHEN ALL THE CARS STOP FOR THE LIGHT, YOU WILL HAVE THEIR ATTENTION. AT THIS POINT YOU LOOK THE DRIVER RIGHT IN THE EYE, AND REMEMBER... LOOK DESPERATE!

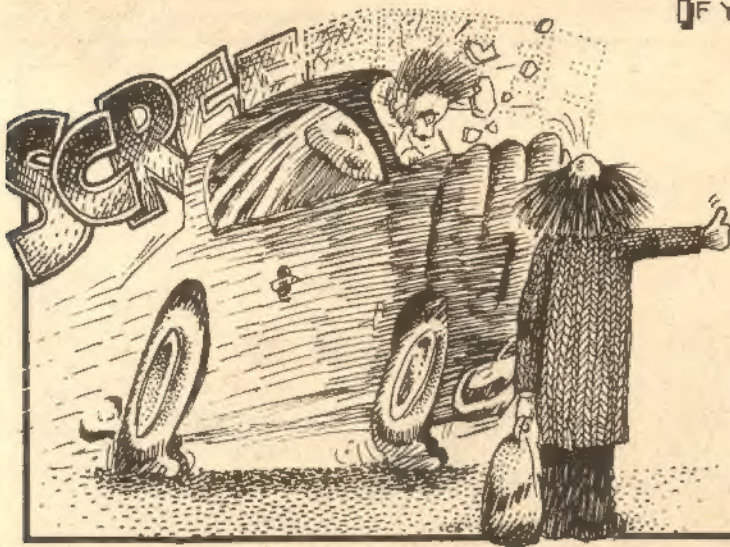


IF YOU ARE ON A ROAD WITH NO STOPLIGHT AND TRAFFIC IS HEAVY, BE SURE TO LEAVE PLENTY OF ROOM FOR THE CAR TO PULL OVER. THIS IS A MISTAKE THAT NOVICES ALWAYS MAKE.

IF THE DRIVER DOESN'T HAVE ROOM TO PULL OFF THE ROAD AND STOP, HE JUST WILL NOT DO IT.

## REMEMBER:

YOU'VE GOT TO MAKE IT AS CONVENIENT AS POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO STOP. HE'S THE ONE DOING **YOU** THE FAVOR.







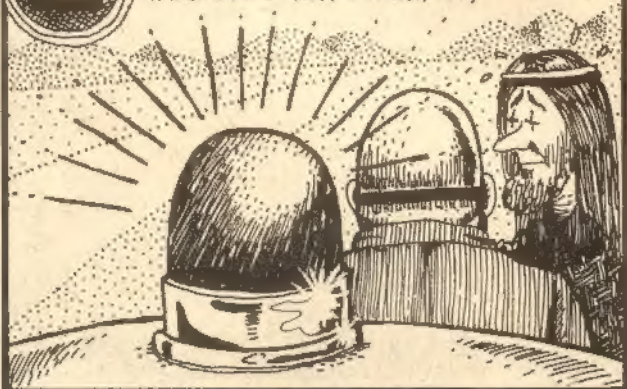
HITCHHIKING FROM FREEWAY ON-RAMPS CAN BE THE MOST DIFFICULT METHOD BECAUSE THERE ARE NUMEROUS OBSTACLES TO ENCOUNTER: . . . . .



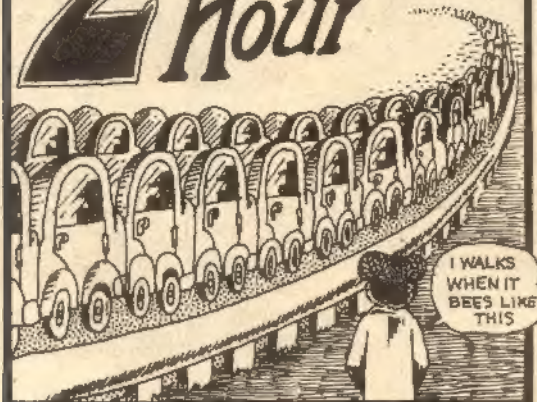
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# THE LAW

(AND DON'T YEW FORGET IT!)



## 2 the Rush Hour



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## FAST TRAFFIC

SOMETIMES CARS ZOOM BY SO FAST, THAT IT'S HARD FOR A DRIVER APPROACHING THE FREEWAY ON-RAMP TO STOP (IT'S ALSO ILLEGAL IN SOME PLACES, SO BE COOL.)



0 ON SOME FREEWAY ON-RAMPS THERE IS A LOT OF HITCHHIKING COMPETITION. YOU MUST DO SOMETHING EXTREMELY UNUSUAL SOMETIMES TO ATTRACT ATTENTION.

FREEWAY ENTRANCE

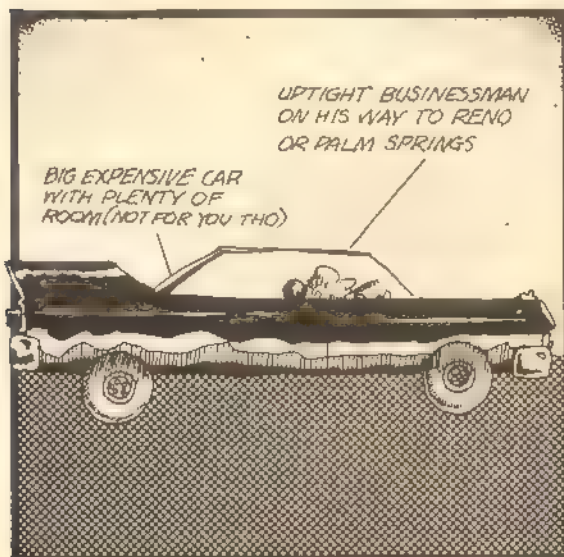
If I don't get a ride to San Diego soon, I'll kill myself

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**N**O MATTER WHAT YOU DO, SOME CARS WILL NEVER PICK YOU UP ONCE YOU BECOME A SEASONED VETERAN OF THE ROAD HOWEVER, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SPOT IN A GLANCE THE TYPE OF VEHICLE WHICH IS MOST APT TO GIVE YOU A RIDE. HERE ARE SOME TIPS TO LOOK FOR:



**FORGET IT!**



**RIGHT ON!**

IF YOU FOLLOW THESE HITCHHIKING TIPS YOU SHOULD GET BETTER MILEAGE FROM YOUR THUMB. IF YOU HAVE ANY GOOD SUGGESTIONS THAT MIGHT BE PASSED ON TO THE READERS WHICH HAVE BEEN OVERLOOKED, PLEASE SHARE THEM WITH US BY SENDING THEM TO HIT THE ROAD c/o THE PRINT MINT, 830 FOLGER AVE., BERKELEY, CALIF

SO...

**REMEMBER KIDS:**

FOR FUN & PROFIT

**AMOS "THUMB" RYDE SEZ:**

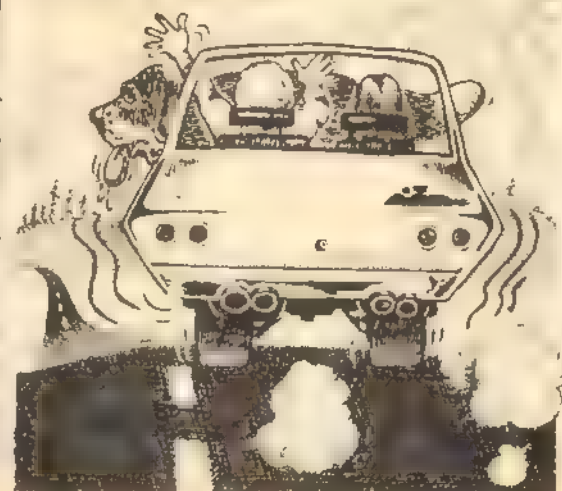
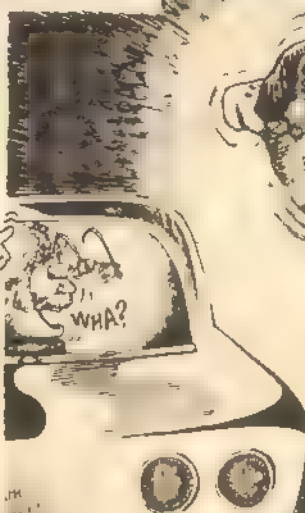


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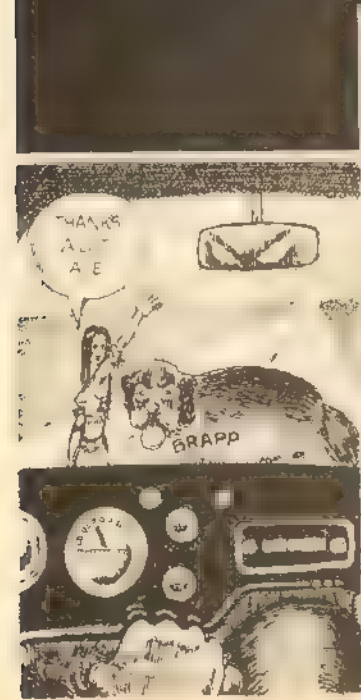
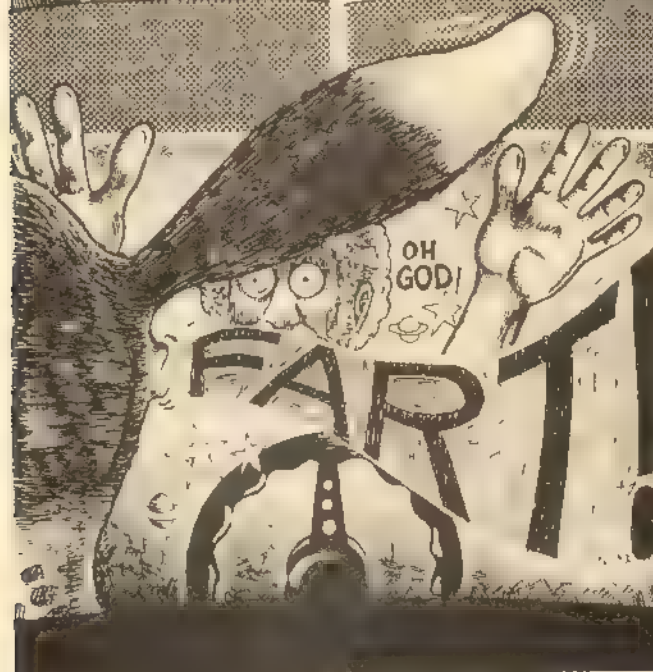
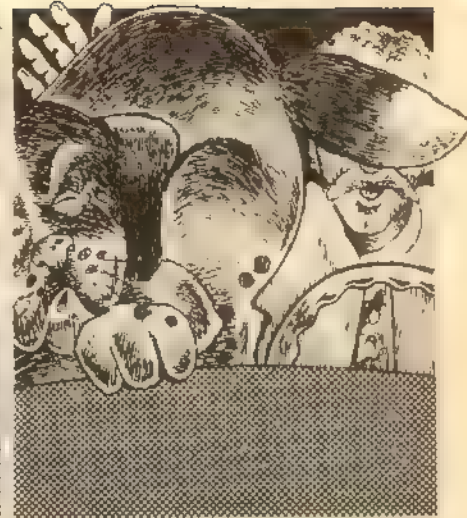
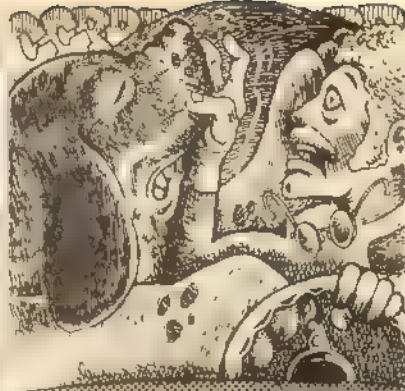
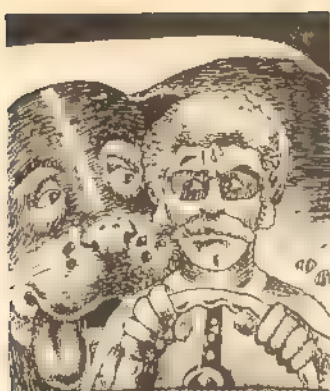
OUT ON THE ROAD IT'S

# Dog Eat Dog



\*THANKS TO CARLA SING AKA OF LUTHER OKLAHOMA FOR THIS STORY. DEAR







AND NOW, A WORD FROM OUR SPONSOR ...

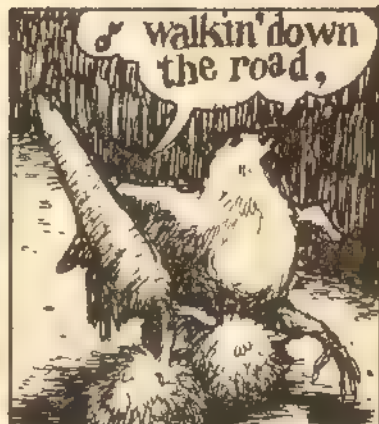
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BROTH

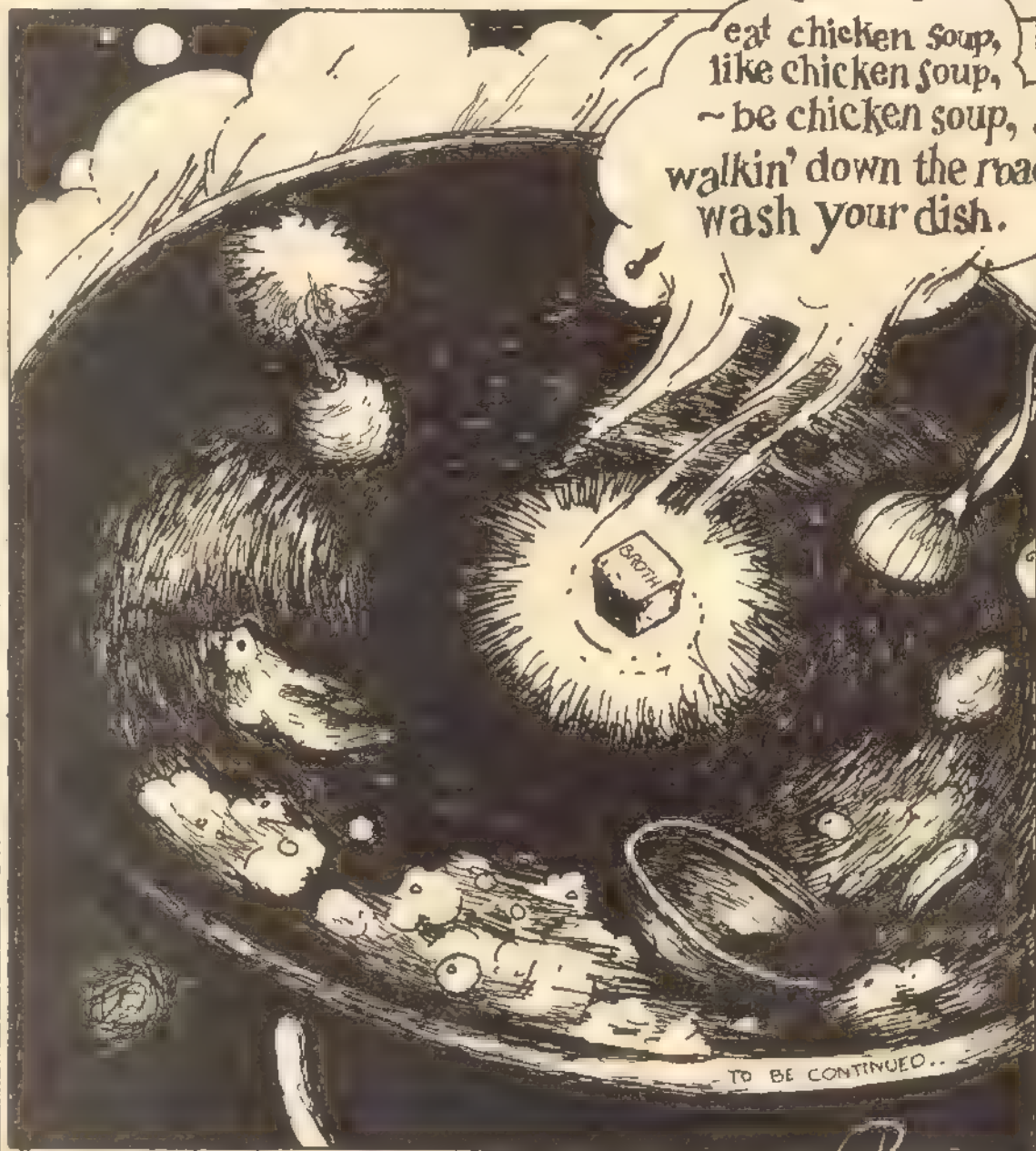
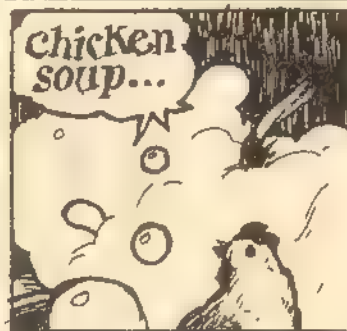
# CHICKEN SOUP













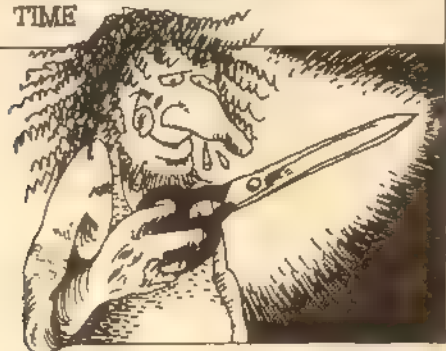
AND NOW, IT'S TIME FOR OUR SPECIAL...



# BONUS CUT OUT



GO GET YOUR SCISSORS, YOU LITTLE MORONS, BECAUSE IT'S TIME FOR THE BONUS CUT OUT SPECIAL. IF YOU FOLLOW THE SIMPLE INSTRUCTIONS, YOU WILL HAVE A UNIQUE HITCHHIKING AID THAT WILL GUARANTEE YOU A RIDE EVERY TIME



TURN THE NEXT PAGE AND YOU WILL SEE A HUGE HAND. CUT IT OUT (ALONG DOTTED LINE) NOW GET A LARGE PIECE OF CARDBOARD 13" X 28" APPROXIMATELY

PASTE OR RUBBER CEMENT THE HAND TO THE AREA SHOWN IN FIG (A), BELOW.

NOW DRAW 2 LINES FROM THE WRIST OF THE HAND TO THE END OF THE CARDBOARD AS SHOWN IN FIG (B). THIS REPRESENTS THE SHIRT SLEEVE OF THE ARM.

COLOR WITH CRAYONS OR COLORED MARKERS, THEN WRITE IN YOUR DESTINATION ON THE SHIRTSLEEVE (FIG (B))

FINALLY, CUT OUT THE ENTIRE ARM AND NAIL IT ON A STICK.

NOW GO AND TRY IT OUT (FIG (C)).

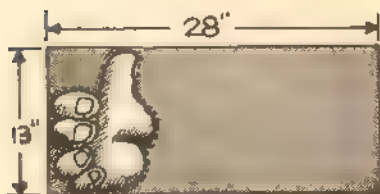


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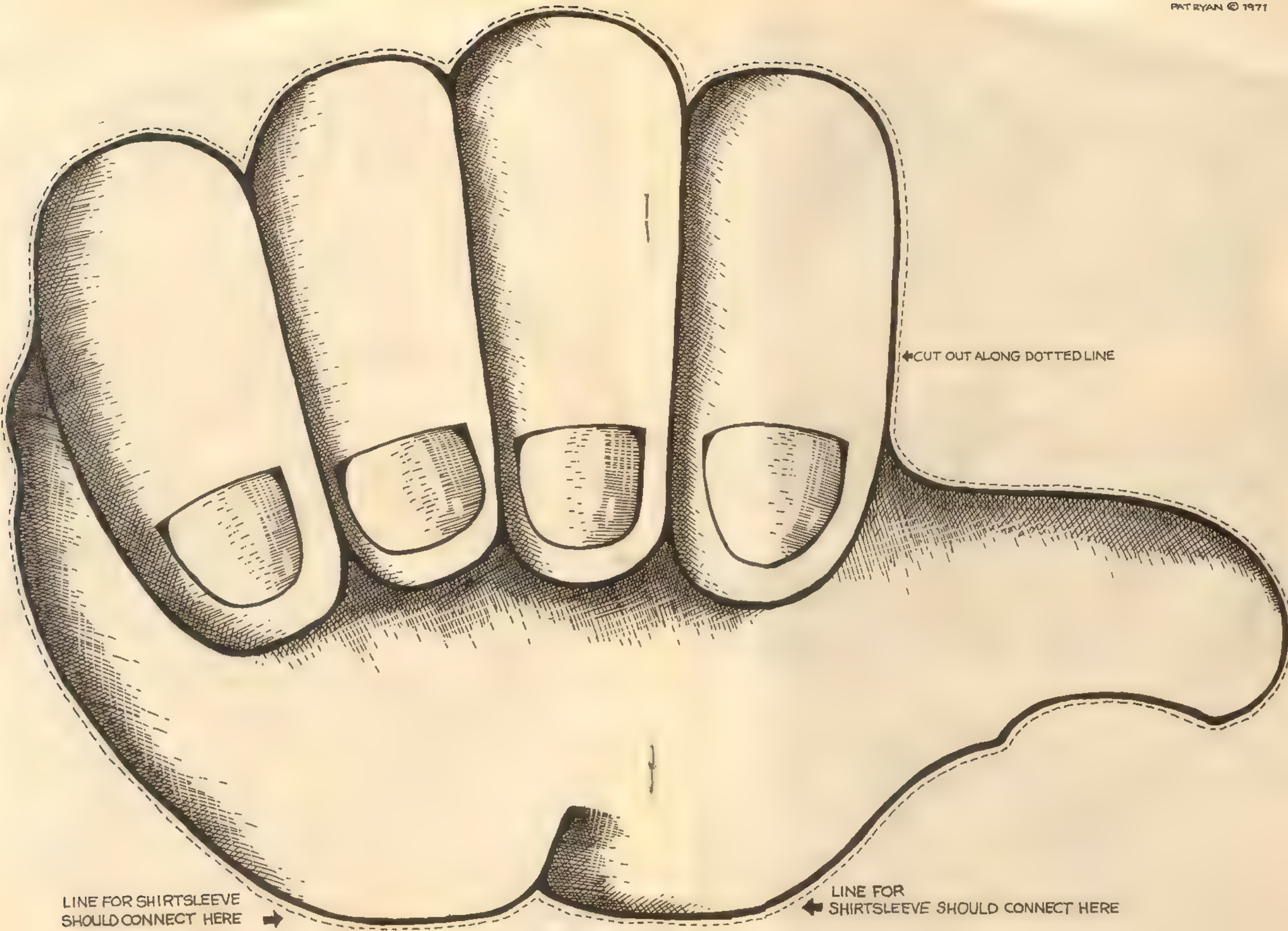


FIG (B)



FIG (C)





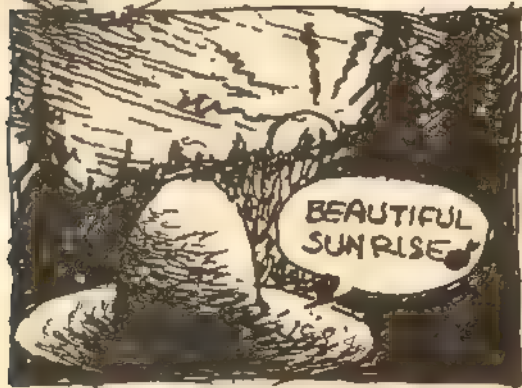
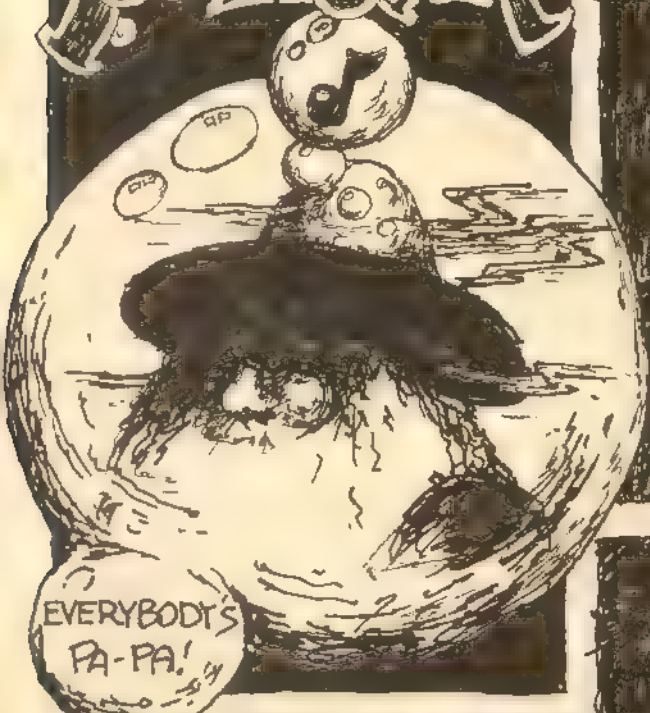
LINE FOR SHIRTSLEEVE  
SHOULD CONNECT HERE →

← LINE FOR  
SHIRTSLEEVE SHOULD CONNECT HERE

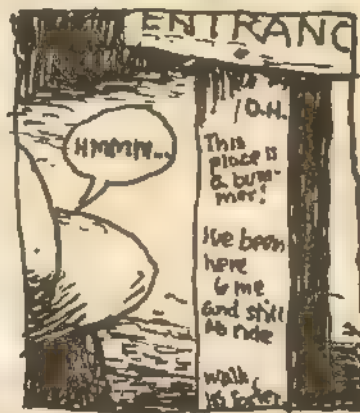
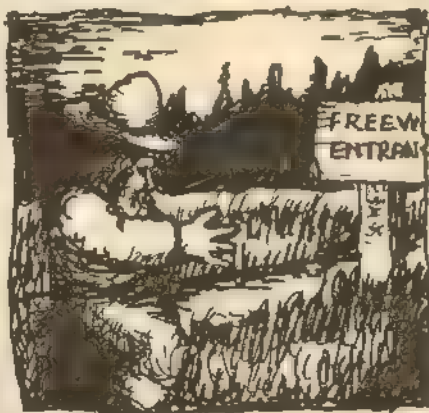
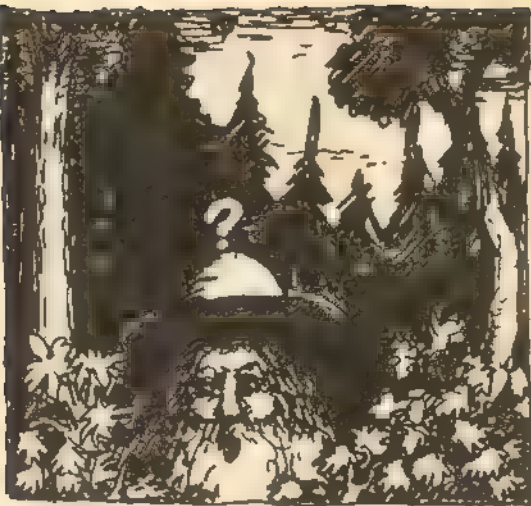
♦ CUT OUT ALONG DOTTED LINE



# Jo. Flork



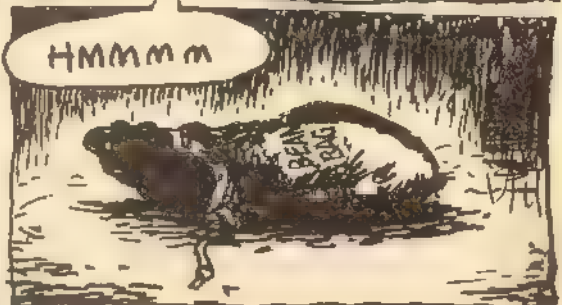
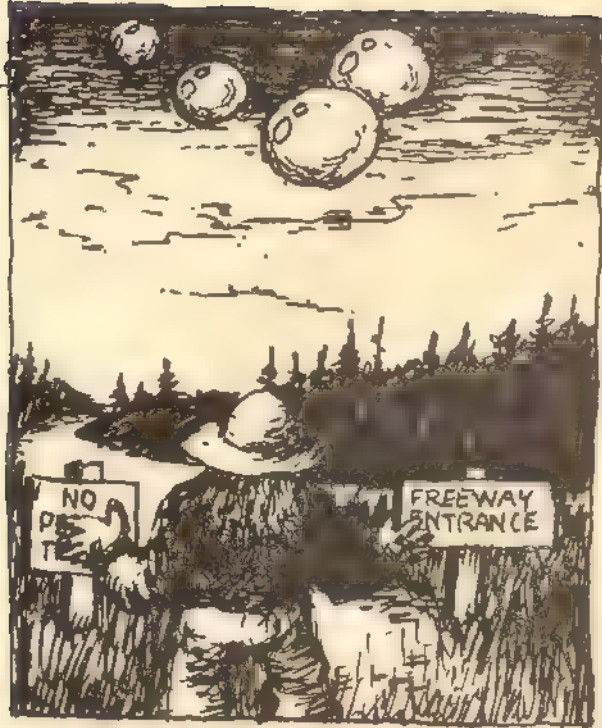




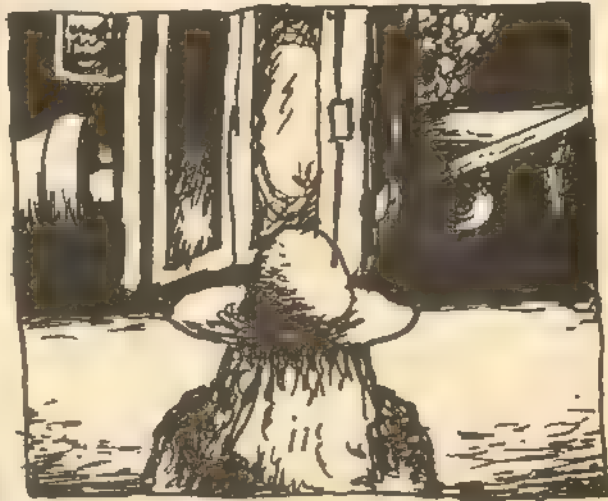
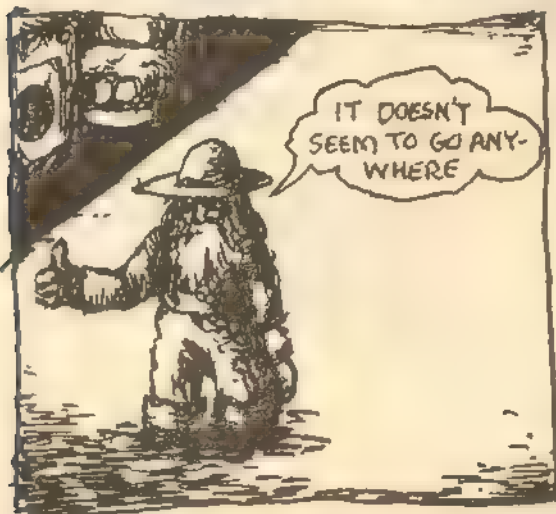
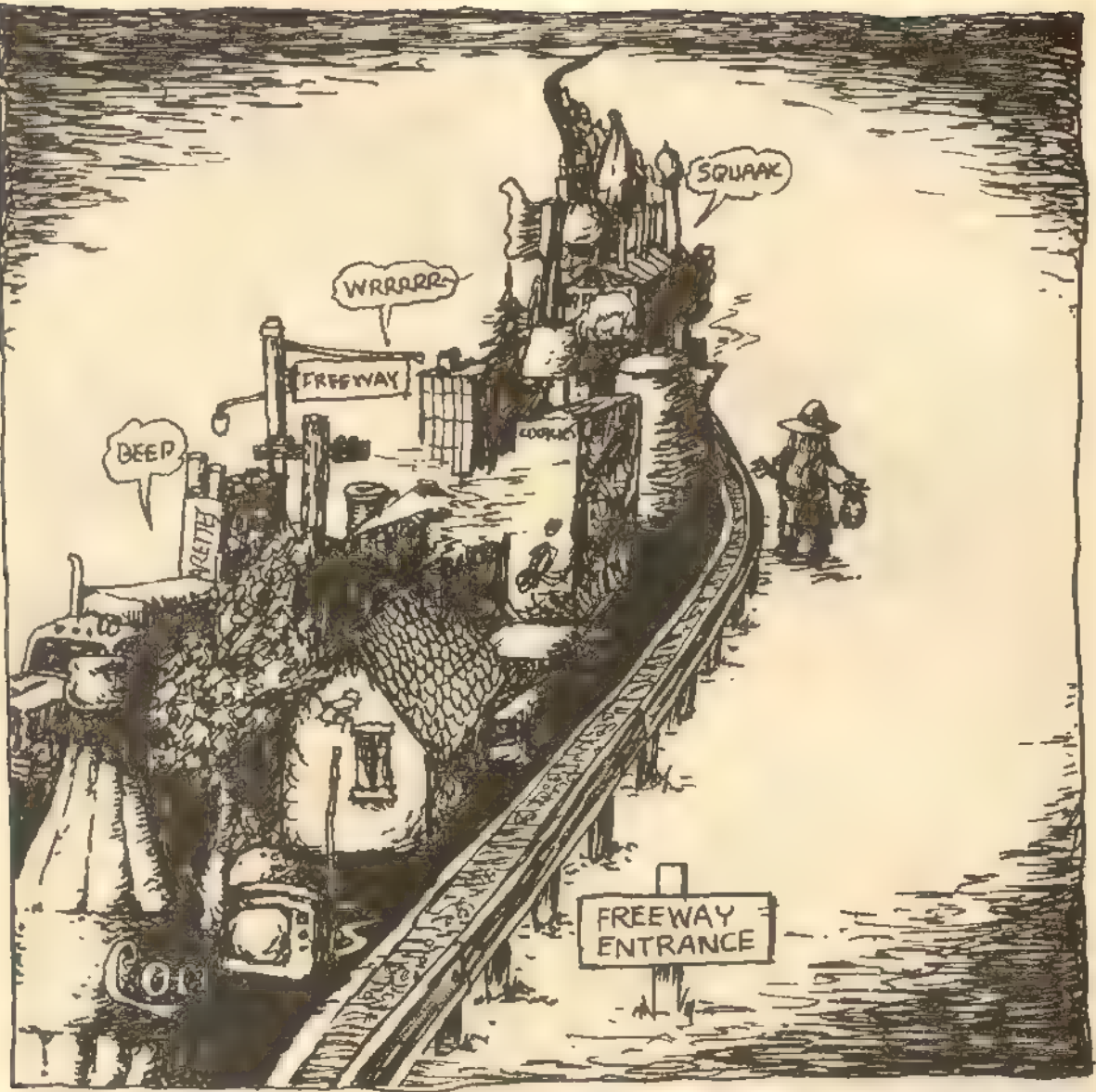




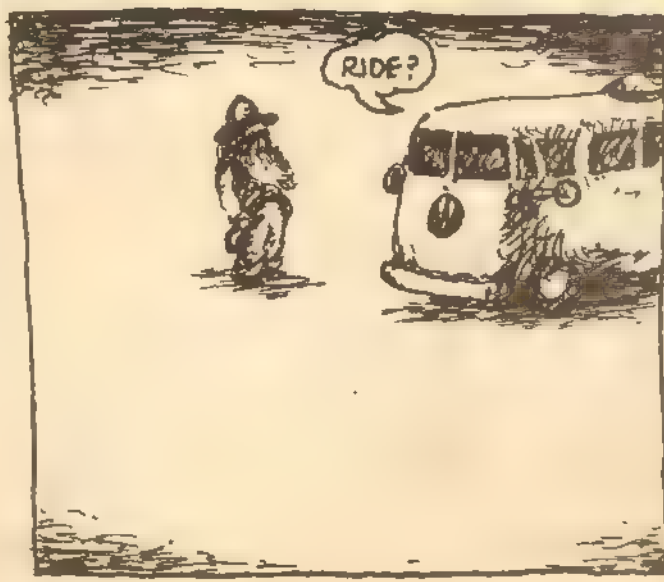




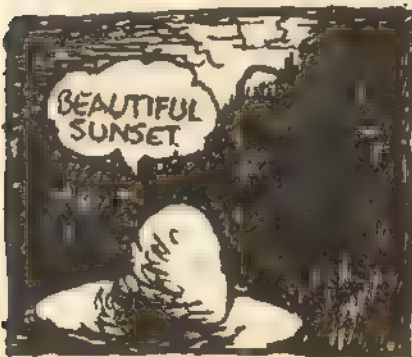








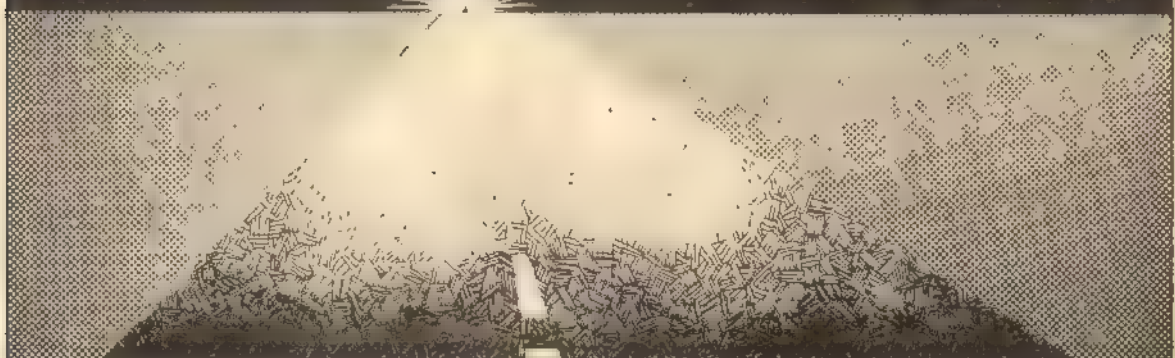




AND NOW, EVERY READERS FAVORITE ...

# Tall Tales of the Trails

ALL YOU READERS GET YOUR CHANCE HERE TO CONTRIBUTE A STORY. THEY MUST BE ABOUT HITCHHIKING AND THEY DON'T NECESSARILY HAVE TO BE TRUE. IN FACT, THE FURTHER OUT THE BETTER. AFTER SIFTING THROUGH HUGE STACKS OF LETTERS, WE DECIDED ON THIS STORY SENT IN BY MR MERVYN C. KNURE OF COMPTON, CALIFORNIA.



LATE ONE EVENING, ON A DARK ROAD SOMEWHERE NORTH OF LOS ANGELES ...

DAMN, IF I DON'T GET A RIDE SOON, I'LL FREEZE MY ASS OFF.

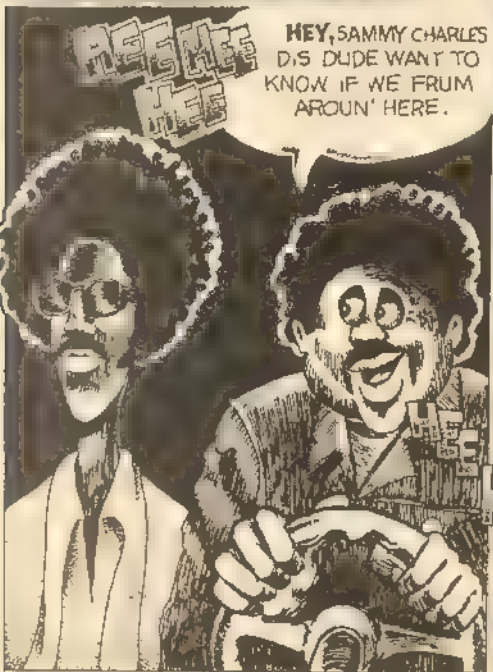
AHA!







OH FUCK! THESE ARE TWO OF THE MEANEST LOOKING SPADES I'VE EVER SEEN. HMMM... MAYBE I CAN STRIKE UP A CONVERSATION WITH THEM. I WONDER WHAT I'LL TALK TO THEM ABOUT. HMMM... M.U.S.C., NO I'M SURE THEY LISTEN TO DIFFERENT SHIT THAN I DO. HMMM... SPORTS;.. NO, I HAVEN'T FOLLOWED SPORTS FOR YEARS. HMMM... **DOPE!** THAT'S IT! THE COMMON BOND BETWEEN PEOPLE OF EVERY RACE AND CREED. THE ONE UNIFYING FACTOR THAT WILL KEEP US HAND IN **HEY...** HOLD IT, IF THEY KNOW I'M HOLDING, I'VE HAD IT. THEY'LL TRY TO RIP ME OFF, PROBABLY BOTH OF THEM. CARRY KNIVES OR RAZORS... EVEN **GUNS...** SHIT, I'D BETTER START SOME CONVERSATION SOON, OR I'M A DEAD DUCK!





YEA, AN' WE  
FIXIN' TO  
GO BACK  
TO VENUS  
RIGHT NOW!



WELL, IN THAT CASE  
YOU CAN DROP  
ME OFF IN  
SANTA  
BARBARA  
HEH HEH HEH



WASSAMATTER, DON'T YOU  
WAN T TO GO INTO THE  
REA-MS OF OUTER SPACE  
WIF US  
BROTHUH?



WELL NO...  
YOU SEE I'VE  
GOT ER UH UMAM

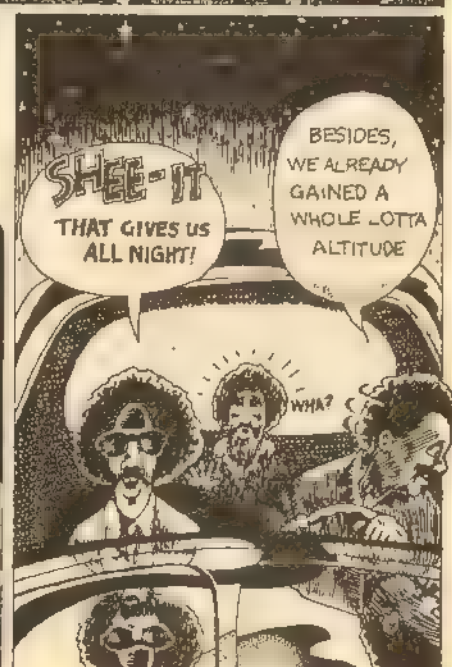


YEA MAN,  
SINCE WE ALREADY  
SPAACED OUT, WHY  
DON'T YOU COME  
TRIPPIN' WIF US?

WOTCHUSAY



WELL MAN, I'VE  
GOT TO BE IN  
SANTA BARBARA  
BY MORNING

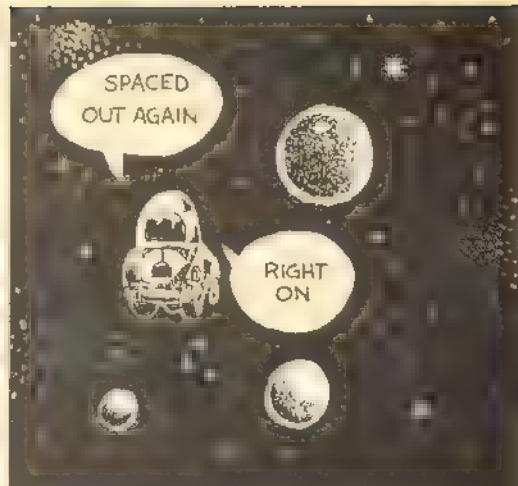
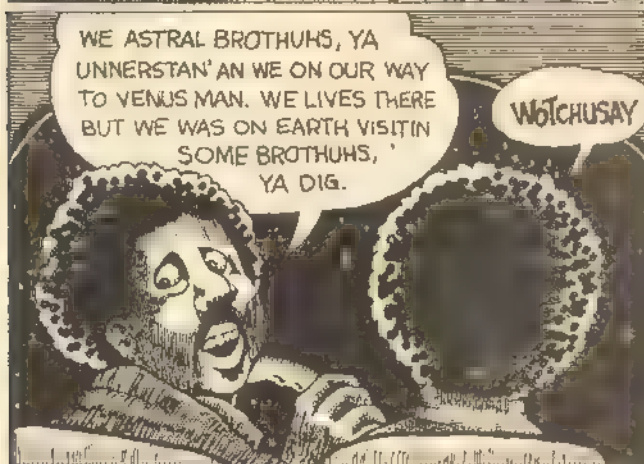


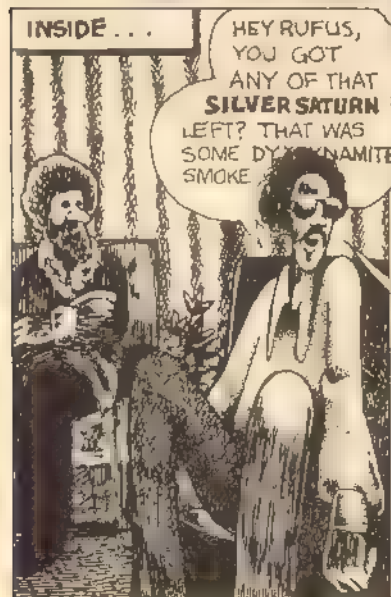
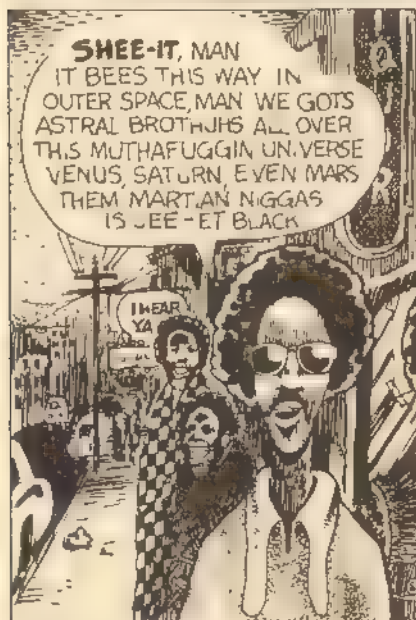
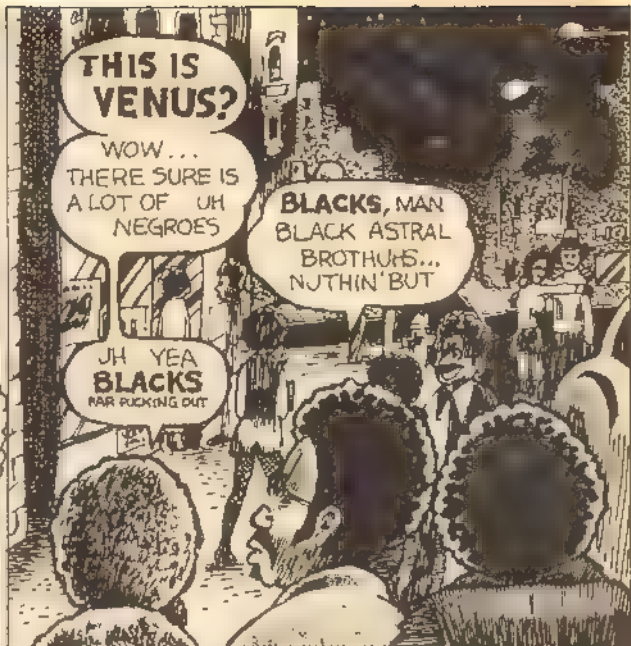
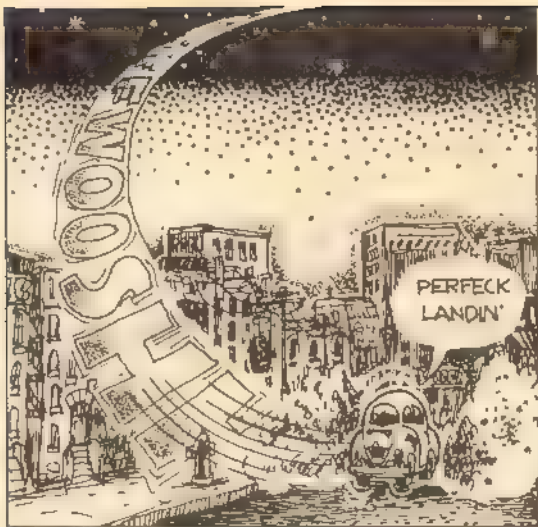
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THAT GIVES US  
ALL NIGHT!

BESIDES,  
WE ALREADY  
GAINED A  
WHOLE LOTTA  
ALTITUDE

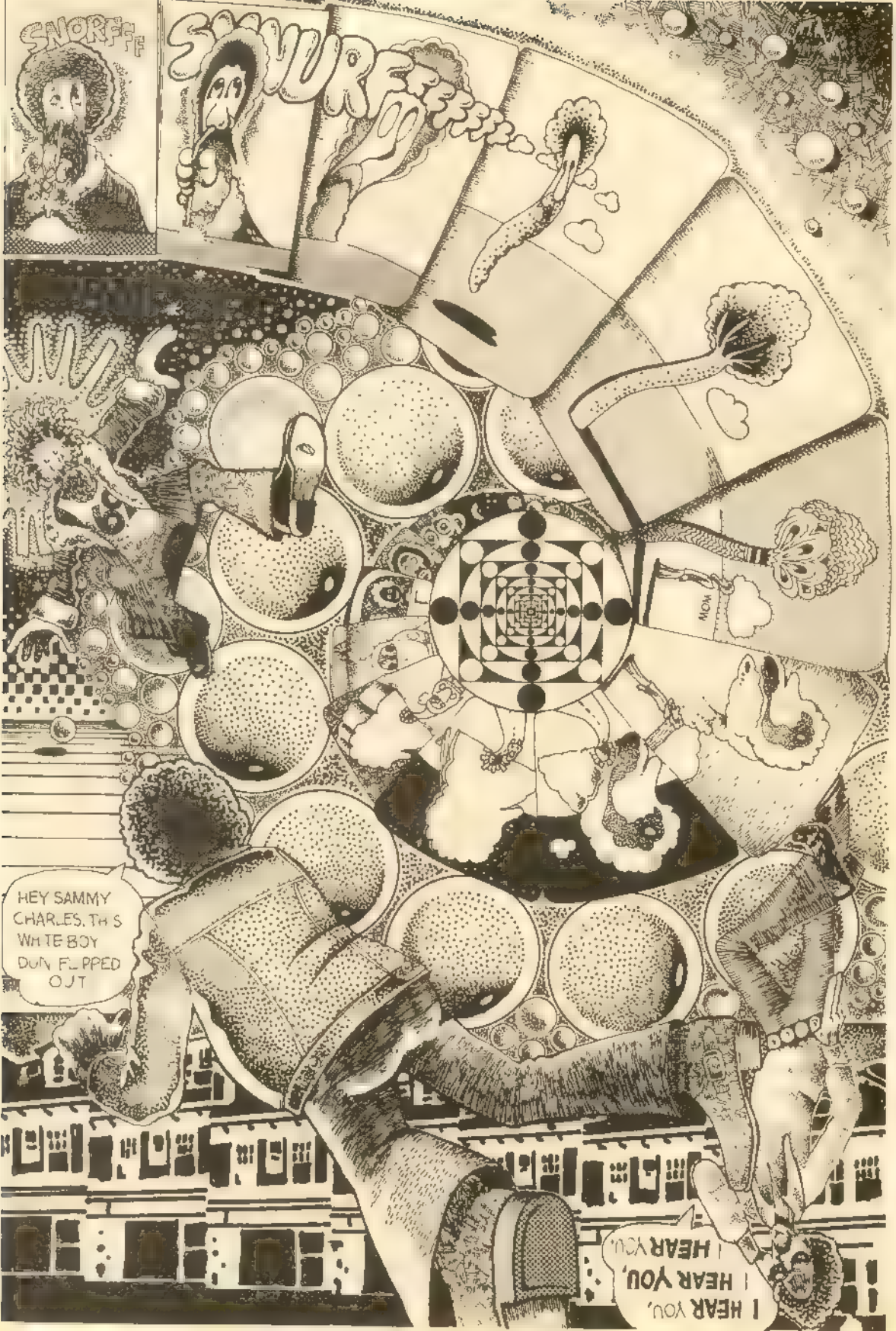
WHA?















HEY! LOOK  
AT THAT  
WHITE MAN  
WHAT A  
FREAK!

LOOKY  
THAT,  
MOMMA

HEY  
MAN!

HEY,  
MAN!

HEY YOU!  
HEY, WHITE  
MAN

OH MY  
GOD!

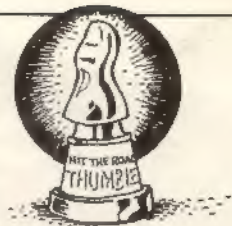
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HEI  
HEI  
HEI





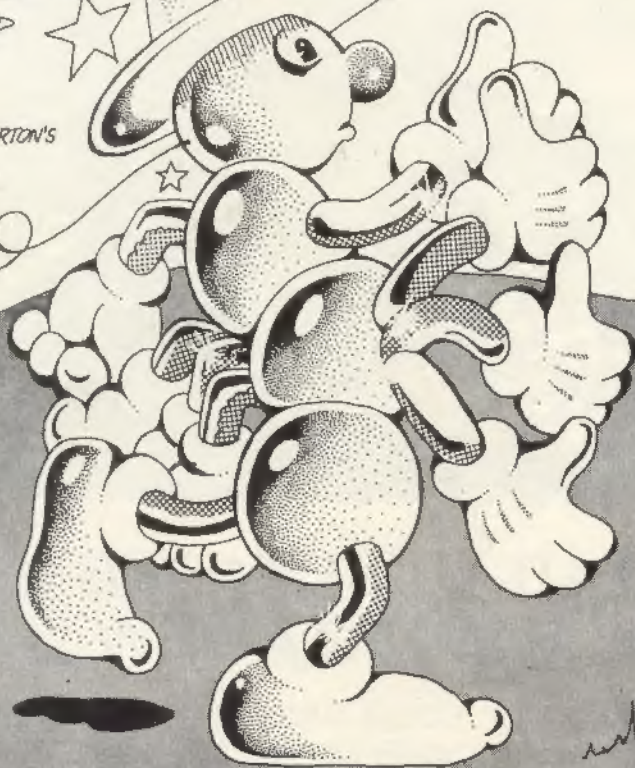


ONCE AGAIN, IT'S "THUMBIE" TIME. HIT THE ROAD PRESENTS ITS ANNUAL AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT. THIS YEAR THE GOLDEN THUMB GOES OUT TO MR. MERRIWETHER G. CHESTERTON...



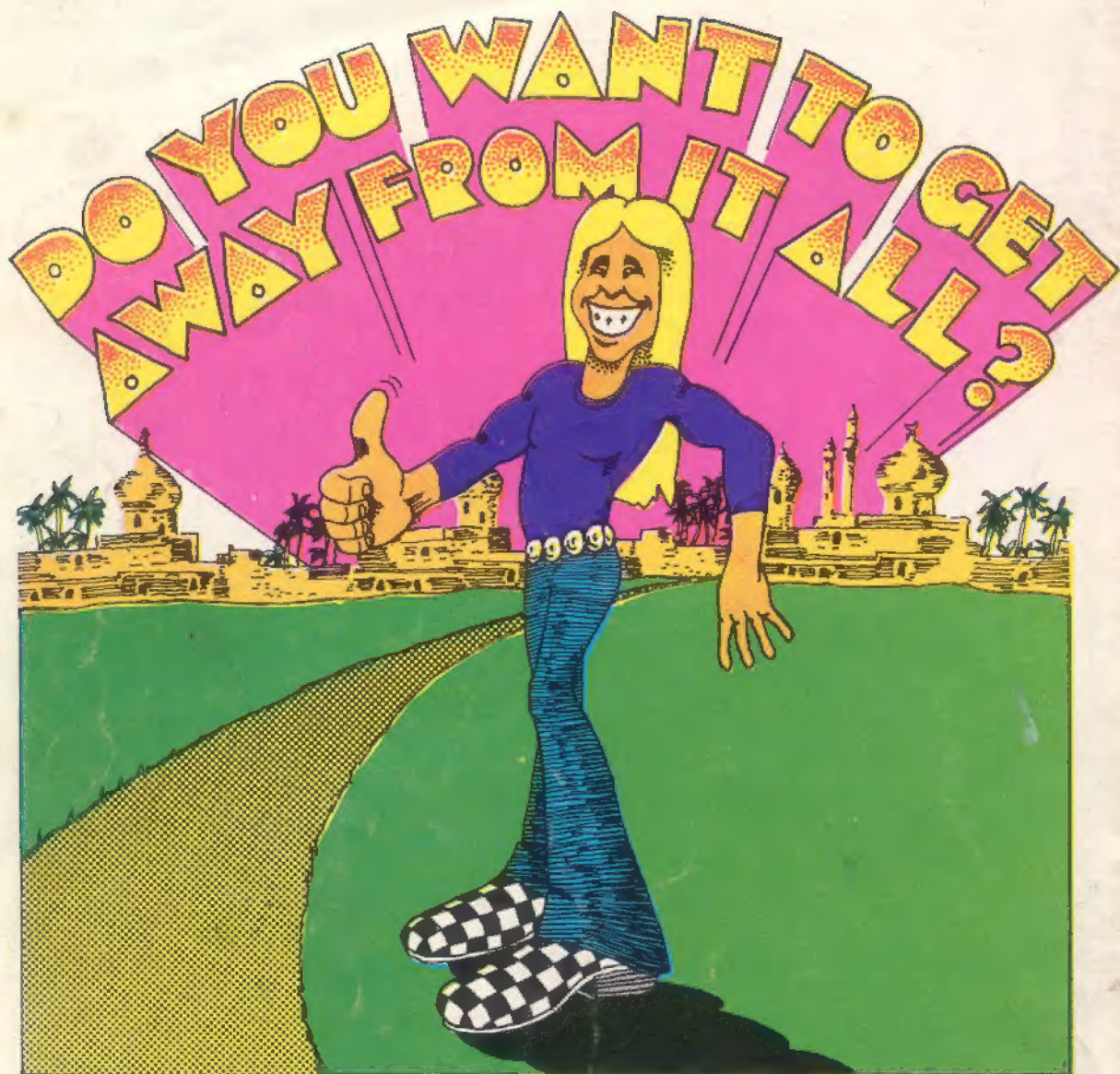
# HITCHHIKER OF THE YEAR

MR. CHESTERTON'S  
HAIR



**M**ERRIWETHER G. CHESTERTON OF LEVITTOWN, NEW YORK WHO HITCHHIKED FROM SZCHEVNPLOKNGRAD, IN THE BERING STRAIT (WHERE HE RAISES ANTEATERS) TO ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA LAST SUMMER ON HIS TWO WEEK VACATION. MR. CHESTERTON WAS ABOUT TO REALIZE A LIFETIME DREAM BY VISITING DISNEYLAND, BUT UNFORTUNATELY WHEN HE GOT THERE HE WAS BARRED FROM THE "MAGIC KINGDOM" BECAUSE HIS HAIR WAS TOO LONG.





## WELL, STICK OUT YOUR THUMB AND START ON THE ROAD TO A NEW LIFE!

YES FRIENDS, IF LIFE IS GETTING TO BE A DRAG, AND YOU ENVY YOUR FRIENDS WHO TRAVEL THE WORLD OVER, HERE IS A PLAN THAT WILL PUT YOU IN THE **PASSENGER** SEAT, AND THE BEST THING ABOUT IT IS THAT IT IS **ABSOLUTELY FREE!** VISIT THE HIWAY OR BYWAY IN YOUR

LOCAL AREA AND JUST STICK OUT YOUR THUMB! IN NO TIME YOU WILL BE SWEEPED AWAY TO ADVENTURES, TO EXCITEMENT, TO THRILLS UNHEARD OF EVEN IN YOUR WILDEST DREAMS. SO REMEMBER: HITCHHIKE YOUR WAY TO HAPPINESS!

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